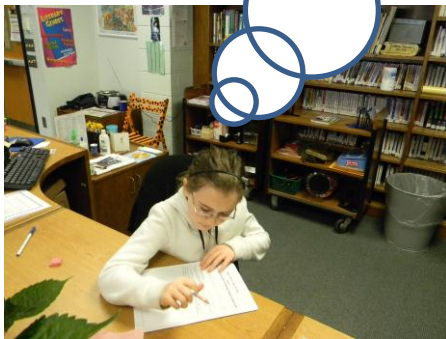


# Writing that Makes a Difference

What do you think it *means* to write something that makes a difference?




What examples can you think of?

## Research and Reflect

**Locate some examples of writing that “makes a difference” in some way.**

**As you read, reflect on the following questions and be ready to discuss them:**



3. If this writing makes a difference for anyone, who would that be? Where or how could the writer publish this piece differently, in order to reach this audience?
2. What did the writer have to overcome and/or learn more about in order to write something that would help other people? How did the experience make the writer wise?
1. What is the topic, and why do you think the author is writing about it? What makes this courageous?

## PLANNING

<b>Where am I wounded, and in what ways did this make me courageous and wise?</b>	<b>How could writing my story make a difference for ME?</b>  <b>How could sharing my story make a difference for OTHERS?</b>	<b>What more can I learn, in order to help myself and in order to write something that will help others?</b>  <b>Where can I do this learning?</b>

<p><b>Do I want to write this in my own voice and tell my true story, or do I want to remain anonymous?</b></p> <p><b>How could I write in a way that is respectful of these needs?</b></p>	<p><b>Who is my audience?</b></p> <p><b>Where or how can I share my writing in order to make a difference for them?</b></p>

## **Notebook Reflection:**

**Please write each question in your notebook and share your responses there as well.**

**How is your thinking changing about what it means to be a writer?**

**Use what you learned today to revisit our essential question:**

*What is great writing that makes a difference for others?*